

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

DEYANIRA BRITO,

Plaintiff,

- against -

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

19 CV 10631 (KMK) (LMS)


ORDER

THE HONORABLE LISA MARGARET SMITH, U.S.M.J.¹

Currently before the undersigned is pro se Plaintiff's application for appointment of counsel. ECF No. 4. Plaintiff requests pro bono counsel because she is unable to afford to hire her own attorney and she speaks mostly Spanish. Id. Not speaking English is not itself a reason for the Court to appoint counsel to represent a litigant in a civil case. See Hodge v. Police Officers, 802 F.2d 58, 61-62 (2d Cir. 1986); Velez v. Burge, 08 Civ. 00806 (M), 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 96966, * 2-4 (W.D.N.Y. Oct. 20, 2009).² For that reason, Plaintiff's application for appointment of counsel is denied without prejudice.

Dated: January 31, 2020
White Plains, New York

SO ORDERED,


Lisa Margaret Smith
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

¹ The Honorable Judge Kenneth M. Karas referred this matter to the undersigned on November 20, 2019. ECF No. 7.

² Copies of all unpublished opinions and decisions available only in electronic form cited herein have been mailed to Petitioner. See Local Civil Rule 7.2; Lebron v. Sanders, 557 F.3d 76,78 (2d Cir. 2009).